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# AASHTO Member Briefing

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient  
Transportation Equity Act –  
A Legacy for Users

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The first 8 slide information taken from AASHTO's SAFETEA-LU Highlights Webcast

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## National Funding Levels

Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU
At Least \$300B Overall	\$295B Contract Authority \$286.5B Guaranteed
At Least \$245B Highways	\$241B Authorized
At Least \$55B Transit	\$52.6B Authorized

Dwight began by reviewing changes that will be enacted in the recently passed federal reauthorization bill -- SAFETEA-LU. He noted that this bill is a 6-year reauthorization and that the first 2 years are past, thus discussions are already beginning for the next authorization bill.

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## National Funding Levels

Program	Amount (B)	Percent of Title I Authorizations
Core Programs	\$196.9	84%
In-Scope	\$216.5	92.3%
Earmarks	\$19.4	9.7%
New Programs	\$0.7	0.37%

- **Earmarks:** HPPs (in scope), Projects of National and Regional Significance, TIPs, other named projects
- **New Programs:** Safe Routes to Schools, Highways for LIFE, Truck Parking Facilities, Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot

The good news is that SAFETEA-LU authorized a 30.32% overall increase in funding. Contract authority has a guaranteed \$286.5 billion, highways \$241 billion, and transit \$52.6 billion. Core programs now include safety. Earmark projects (national and regional significance, TIPs, etc.) are eligible for 9.7% and New Programs including Safe Routes to School, Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot, etc., are eligible for 0.37%.

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National Policy Commissions		
Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU	Comments
Commission to examine future program and funding issues	✓	Future of the Highway Trust Fund
	✓	Future revenue needs
		Tax evasion enforcement

Congress recognized the funding for the Highway Trust Fund is decreasing, so commissions to examine the future of the Highway Trust Fund and future revenue needs were authorized. Design-Build restrictions were removed and Bridge Preservation is now eligible for repair funding.

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National Highways		
Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU	Comments
Design-Build	✓	Restrictions removed
Bridge Preservation	✓	Now eligible
Retroreflectivity	X	Requested change not made
Commercialization of Interstate Rest Areas	X	Partial success with Truck Idling Reduction Facilities

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National Transit		
Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU	Comments
At least \$11B for transit by FY 2009	✓	\$10.3B for transit by FY 2009
Preserve guarantees	✓	General fund and trust fund monies
Retain 20% matching rate on projects	✓	Includes New Starts
Increased funding for transit in rural areas	✓	85% increase in 5311 program
Transit Cooperative Research Program	✓	\$9 million/year

The National Transit funding saw increases in many programs-20% match retained, 85% increase in 5311 (rural area transit). Idaho's Transit program could see as much as a 200% increase in some programs.

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National Highway Safety		
Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU	Comments
Highway Safety Improvement Program	✓	Infrastructure safety to increase to \$1.3 billion/year by FY '09
Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan	✓	Operational CHSP by Oct. 2007; minimal sanctions
Funding Flexibility	✓	10% flexibility
Separate safety and security planning factors	✓	Enacted

The National Highway Safety Program focused on each state having an operational Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan by 2007 and allowed greater funding flexibility.

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National Highway Safety		
Policy Recommendation	SAFETEA-LU	Comments
Rural Road Safety		\$90 million/year
Safe Routes to School		\$183 million/year by FY '09
0.08 BAC	X	Codified into Title 23
Consolidate Section 402 Safety Grants	✓	Grows to \$235 million/year by 2009. Streamlined application process

The Rural Road Safety program was included and is especially important as it recognizes that 2-lane/rural roads have 2½ to 3 times the fatality rate.

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REAUTHORIZATION SAFETEA-LU		
APPORTIONMENTS FOR IDAHO		

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Annual Apportionments Idaho								
	SAFETEA-LU (HR3)							Annual
	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	Total	Average
Reauthorization Apportionments - from FHWA Apportionment Tables	248,117,100	260,668,500	264,199,700	270,589,200	288,460,500	291,309,700	1,629,663,700	271,594,000

Idaho's average annual apportionment is estimated at \$271 million.

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Idaho High Priority Projects		
NO.	Project Description (Highways)	Amount
#952	Widen U.S. 95 from Worley to Mica Creek, Idaho	\$ 2,400,000
#4037	Transportation Improvements to Widen US-95, Worley to Mica Creek	\$20,000,000
#139*	Transportation Improvements to Widen US-95, Worley to Mica Creek	\$ 5,000,000
	Worley to Mica Creek Total	\$27,400,000
#948	Widen U.S. 95 in Idaho from Jct. SH-1 to Canadian border	\$ 2,400,000
#991	Widen U.S. 95 from Top of Lewiston Hill to Moscow, Idaho	\$ 1,600,000
#968	Improve SH 75 from Timmerman to Ketchum	
#4038	Transportation Improvements to Improve SH-85, Timmerman to Ketchum	\$16,000,000
#140*	Transportation Improvements to Improve SH-85, Timmerman to Ketchum	\$ 2,000,000
	Timmerman to Ketchum Total	\$23,600,000
#208	Construct Interchange on I-84 at Ten Mile Road, Meridian, Idaho	\$ 1,600,000
#4040	Construct Interchange on I-84 at Ten Mile Road, Meridian, Idaho	\$16,000,000
#141*	Construct Interchange on I-84 at Ten Mile Road, Meridian, Idaho	\$ 2,000,000
	Ten Mile Interchange Total	\$19,600,000
#1411	Reconstruct and Realign SH-55 in Idaho between Mileposts 94 and 102	\$ 1,600,000
#4048	Transportation Improvements to SH-55, between Miles Posts 94 & 102	\$ 4,000,000
	SH8055 Total	\$5 5,600,000

Additionally, a list of High Priority Projects (\$158,062,000) is included. Projects #139, #140, #141, #142, and #143 (\$10 million) are in addition to our formula apportionments. Additionally, the funds for project #652 are allocated directly from FTA to Valley Ride regional transit authority.

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Idaho High Priority Projects (continued)		
#4039	Transportation Improvements to US-20, Menas Lorenzo Interchange	\$21,000,000
#4041	Transportation Improvements to US-93, Twin Falls Alternate Route, Stages II & III	\$13,000,000
#4042	Transportation Improvements to US-30, McCannan to Lava East	\$11,000,000
#4046	Transportation Improvements to Bridging the Valley, Kootenai County	\$ 5,000,000
#4047	Transportation Improvements Three Cities River Crossing, Eagle	\$ 3,000,000
#634	Construct Washington Street North from the end of project #5TP 7072(102) to the beginning of Project # (DHP-NH-F-2198(104))	\$ 4,400,000
#4045	Construct Washington Street North from Addison Ave. to Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, Idaho	\$ 1,000,000
	Washington Street Total	\$5,400,000
#914	Widen Amity Road from Chestnut Street to Robinson Road in Nampa, Idaho	\$ 1,600,000
#4044	Widen Amity Road from Chestnut Street to Robinson road in Nampa, Idaho	\$ 3,000,000
#4049	Transportation Improvements to Amity Road Widening to Kings Overpass, Nampa	\$ 4,000,000
	Amity Road Total	\$ 8,600,000

The funds are included in the draft STIP. Idaho received a 30.32% reauthorization increase, which is the all-states average. The 90.50% (minimum allocation) states were raised to 92% rather than their requested 95%.

